

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

an image pickup block;

a mechanism control block which controls the image pickup block mechanically;

an operation block which inputs a user operation; and

a processing block which applies processing to an image, the processing block including a detecting unit which detects an activation request for the digital camera, and a communication control unit which performs processing for establishing a network connection with a file server upon detection of the activation request; further comprising

a memory card control unit which controls a memory card when an option slot is loaded with the memory card; and a card identification unit which identifies a card loaded in the option slot, and wherein

when the option slot is loaded with a memory card, the memory card control unit performs image storing and read with the memory card as a recording medium, and

when the option slot is loaded with a communication card, the communication control unit performs image storing and read via the communication card with the file server as a recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

an image pickup block;

a mechanism control block which controls the image pickup block mechanically;

an operation block which inputs a user operation; and

a processing block which applies processing to an image, the processing block including a detecting unit which detects an image pickup request, and a communication control unit which performs

processing for transmitting an image obtained by image pickup to a file server over a network upon obtainment of the image; further comprising

a memory card control unit which controls a memory card when an option slot is loaded with the memory card; and a card identification unit which identifies a card loaded in the option slot, and wherein when the option slot is loaded with a memory card, the memory card control unit performs image storing and read with the memory card as a recording medium, and

when the option slot is loaded with a communication card, the communication control unit performs image storing and read via the communication card with the file server as a recording medium.

3. (Currently Amended) A digital camera comprising:

an image pickup block;

a mechanism control block which controls the image pickup block mechanically;

an operation block which inputs a user operation; and

a processing block which applies processing to an image, the processing block including a detecting unit which detects an image reproduction request, a communication control unit which performs processing which receives an image to be reproduced from a file server over a network when the image reproduction request is detected, and a reproduction processing unit which reproduces the image received from the file server; further comprising

a memory card control unit which controls a memory card when an option slot is loaded with the memory card; and a card identification unit which identifies a card loaded in the option slot, and wherein when the option slot is loaded with a memory card, the memory card control unit performs image storing and read with the memory card as a recording medium, and

when the option slot is loaded with a communication card, the communication control unit performs image storing and read via the communication card with the file server as a recording medium.

Claims 4-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising: a buffer memory; and a buffer processing unit which saves an image to the buffer memory when transmission of the image to the file server fails, and wherein

the buffer processing unit ~~which~~ reads an image already saved in the buffer memory, if any, when an image obtained by shooting is transmitted to the file server, and wherein

the communication control unit transmits the image read by the buffer processing unit and the image obtained by shooting to the file server in a ~~predetermined~~ this order.

11. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 2, further comprising: a buffer memory; and a buffer processing unit which saves an image to the buffer memory when transmission of the image to the file server fails, and wherein

the buffer processing unit ~~which~~ reads an image already saved in the buffer memory, if any, when an image obtained by shooting is transmitted to the file server, and wherein

the communication control unit transmits the image read by the buffer processing unit and the image obtained by shooting to the file server in a ~~predetermined~~ this order.

12. (Currently Amended) The digital camera according to claim 3, further comprising: a buffer memory; and a buffer processing unit which saves an image to the buffer memory when transmission of the image to the file server fails, and wherein

the ~~the~~ [[a]] buffer processing unit ~~which~~ reads an image already saved in the buffer memory, if any, when an image obtained by shooting is transmitted to the file server, and wherein

the communication control unit transmits the image read by the buffer processing unit and the image obtained by shooting to the file server in a ~~predetermined~~ this order.

Claims 13-28 (Cancelled).